



ORDER NUMBER: 10 - 031

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST, TO WIT:**

**UNDEVELOPED RECREATION AREAS
ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST**

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and the Secretary of Agriculture's regulation 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts or omissions are prohibited on the Allegheny National Forest located within Warren, Forest, Elk and McKean Counties, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- 1. Camping or otherwise occupying National Forest System lands for greater than fourteen (14) days in a thirty (30) day period. [36 CFR 261.58(a)]**
- 2. Camping or otherwise occupying National Forest System lands for more than a total of thirty (30) days in a calendar year. [36 CFR 261.58(a)]**

THIS RESTRICTION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AS WELL AS FOREST SERVICE PROPERTY AND RESOURCES. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THE PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Done at Warren, Pennsylvania this 3rd day of September, 2010.

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Forest Supervisor
Allegheny National Forest

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Forest Order Number 10 – 031
Undeveloped Recreation Areas
Implementation and Enforcement Plan**

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Copies of the approved order and attachments shall be made available to the public at all District Ranger Stations as well as the office of the Forest Supervisor.
2. Contents of the order shall be posted on the Forest website.

ENFORCEMENT

1. Enforcement of this closure order shall be conducted by Law enforcement Officers and Special Agents and Forest Protection Officers(FPO) that fall within the predetermined FPO guidelines.
2. All violations of the closure order shall be documented using appropriate law enforcement forms.
3. Officers shall use appropriate discretion in the issuance of warnings and violation notices.

STATEMENT OF NEED

The purpose of this order is to prohibit excessive long-term occupancy and residential use of the Allegheny National Forest. Occupying a single area in excess of 14 days can create a severe impact on the resources found in that area including, but not limited to soil compaction and build up of human waste.

Occupying National Forest System lands in excess of 30 days, is inconsistent with recreational activities and is associated with residential purposes. Requiring individuals to leave areas after no more than 14 days or for more than 30 days, also ensured that popular areas are available to a large number of individuals and are not monopolized by one individual or group.

Similar orders are in place on National Forest System Lands through the country.

This order replaces Order # 09-001 of February 23, 2009 restricting stay on the Allegheny National Forest.